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1. AF JUST LEARNED THAT AMONG PARTICIPANTS TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL BE CONGRESSMEN DIGGS (D-MICH) AND POSSIBLY GILMAN (R-NY). HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ADVISES THAT AS MANY AS FOUR MEMBERS MIGHT ATTEND CONFERENCE DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF MEMBERS OVER CHRISTMAS RECESS.

2. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, DEPT PRESENTLY AWARE FOLLOWING OTHER AMERICANS PLANNING ATTEND CONFERENCE: WILLIAM J. BUTLER, ESQ., BUTLER, JABLOW, AND GELLER, NEW YORK, PRESIDENT
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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS AND CHAIRMAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; MRS. GOLER BUTCHER OF WHITE, FINE AND VERVILLE, ATTORNEYS, WASHINGTON DC;

WILLIAM JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT, EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN FOR SOUTH AFRICA, NEW YORK; ROBERT BOETTCHER OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON DC; ELIZABETH LANDIS, CONSULTANT TO UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, NEW YORK; MICHAEL IAN DAVIS, ESQ. OF ROGERS, HOGE AND HILLS, NEW YORK; LEONARD BOUDIN, ESQ., OF RABINOWITZ AND BOUDIN, NEW YORK; T MICHAEL PEAY, ESQ. DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN AFRICA PROGRAM, LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, WASHINGTON DC; DR. EDWARD MAY, US NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION; G.K. NAYAR AND DINAH SHELTON, STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY; PROF FRANK NEWMAN, LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY.

3. ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (L/HR) CHARLES RUNYON MADE INFORMAL INQUIRY, WAS INVITED INDIVIDUALLY, AND ALSO PLANS TO ATTEND IN ORDER OBSERVE FOR DEPT. RUNYON HOPES HE MAY BE OF USE TO EMBASSY AND WILL OF COURSE CONTACT EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL AND WOULD APPRECIATE HELP IF NEEDED. ARRIVES ON FLIGHT RK 050 JAN 4 AT 0615 AND HAS RESERVATION AT VILLAGE N'GOR MERIDIAN HOTEL ARRANGED FROM HERE BY INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS.

4. FURTHER TO REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND ON SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS (PARA 3 REFTEL), DEPT OFFERS FOLLOWING CAPSULE SUMMARIES: A) INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS IS HIGHLY RESPECTED PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF LEGAL PROFESSION. ESTABLISHED IN 1950'S AND IS BASED IN GENEVA. RECEIVES GRANTS FROM VARIOUS WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVTS AND FROM DEPT'S CU BUREAU. CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL EXEC COMMITTEE IS ELI WHITNEY DEBEVOISE, OF DEBEVOISE, PLUMPTON, LYONS AND GATES, B) INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WAS STARTED BY RENE CASSIN, NOTED FRENCHMAN WHO DONATED INCOME FROM WINNING NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN LATE 1960'S TO FOUND ORGANIZATION. MEMBERS INCLUDE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. CURRENT VICE-PRESIDENT IS KEBA M'BAYE, SENEGALESE SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE ACTIVE IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. C) INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS IS WIDELY CONSIDERED TO BE A VEHICLE FOR COMMUNIST-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES. FOUNDED IN PARIS IN 1946 BY GROUP OF LEFTIST FRENCH LAWYERS, WAS FORCED TO MOVE TO BRUSSELS IN 1950. ALSO MAINTAINS A BRANCH OFFICE IN WARSAW. MEMBERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE INCLUDE A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF LAWYERS FROM EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES.

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RIGHTS FIELD. C) INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS IS WIDELY CONSIDERED TO BE A VEHICLE FOR COMMUNIST-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES. FOUNDED IN PARIS IN 1946 BY GROUP OF LEFTIST FRENCH LAWYERS, WAS FORCED TO MOVE TO BRUSSELS IN 1950. ALSO MAINTAINS A BRANCH OFFICE IN WARSAW. MEMBERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE INCLUDE A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF LAWYERS FROM EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES.

5. DEPT IS FORWARDING BY AIR POUCH (UNDER REGISTRY NO. 3060315) COPY OF BACKGROUND PAPER ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN NAMIBIA PREPARED BY OFFICE OF UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AND SOME EARLY MAILINGS ON CONFERENCE FROM INTERNATIONAL

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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6. INFO ADDRESSES: UNTIL JAN 8, PLEASE MAKE DAKAR INFO
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